



Staff Report

RESOLUTION APPROVING ESTABLISHMENT OF A NO PARKING ZONE AT THE CORNERS OF RUTH AVENUE/NORTH ROAD AND NORTH ROAD/IRENE COURT

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Summary

City staff received requests to restrict parking at the corners of Ruth Avenue/North Road and North Road/Irene Court to improve sight distance.

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution prohibiting parking at the northeast corner of North Road/Ruth Avenue and north corner of North Road/Irene Court.

Background

The Parking and Traffic Safety Committee (PTSC) has received multiple complaints about cars parked at the corners of North Road/Ruth Avenue and North Road/Irene Court obstructing visibility for cars making turns. The subject corners are located on the curves and due to street geometry and narrowness create a sight distance problem and can be potentially hazardous because vehicles have to enter the lane of opposite traffic to avoid collision with parked vehicles.

PTSC has reviewed these complaints, performed a field investigation, checked accident data and reviewed conformance of the street with a Parking on Curves Policy.

Discussion

After summarizing collected data, the PTSC notified all residents within 300-foot radius of the intersections of North Road/Ruth Avenue and North Road/Irene Court. about the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee Meeting. Two types of notifications were used: letters and Teleminder. The Parking and Traffic Safety Committee (PTSC) met with residents on November 17th at its regularly scheduled meeting. Residents who could not attend the meeting submitted letters to express their views on the issue. During the PTSC meeting the staff presented findings and discussed their conformance with the Parking on Curves Policy, which states that in order to restrict parking on curves the following conditions shall be met:

1. The safe stopping distance for a vehicle traveling at 25 mph is less than 150 feet.
2. On-street parking forces vehicle drivers to travel across double yellow lines.
3. There have been 3 collisions within the last 5 years at a location.

Conditions 1 and 3 were met and condition 2 subsequently met the condition because although North Road at this location does not have a double-yellow line, cars making turns have to enter the lane of opposite traffic to avoid collision with the parked vehicles.

City staff will also contact the property owners at the northeast corner of North Road/Ruth Avenue asking them to trim vegetation and overgrown shrubs on their property to improve sight distance at the corner.

All residents were in favor of the no parking zones at North Road/Ruth Avenue and North Road/Irene Court. Based on the input from the residents, it is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution to establish a “No Parking” zone at the corners of North Road/Ruth Ave. and North Road/Irene Court.

Fiscal Impact

The City will be responsible for the installation of the appropriate signs. Costs will be paid from the existing appropriation in the FY 2006 budget for Street Maintenance.

Public Contact

Public contact included posting of City Council agenda and mailing notices to the properties within a 300-foot radius.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution approving establishment of a “No Parking” zone at the northeast corner of North Road/Ruth Avenue and north corner of North Road/Irene Court.

Alternatives

1. Take no action.
2. Refer back to staff for further information.

Attachments

- A. Resolution
- B. Exhibit A – Aerial of Location

Respectfully submitted,

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELMONT APPROVING
ESTABLISHMENT OF A NO PARKING ZONE AT THE CORNERS OF RUTH AVENUE/NORTH
ROAD AND NORTH ROAD/IRENE COURT**

WHEREAS, the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee (PTSC) has received multiple complaints about cars parked at the corners of North Road/Ruth Avenue and North Road/Irene Court obstructing visibility for cars making turns; and,

WHEREAS, the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee has reviewed these complaints, performed a field investigation, checked accident data and reviewed conformance of the street with a Parking on Curves Policy; and,

WHEREAS, the PTSC notified all residents within 300-foot radius of the intersections of North Road/Ruth Avenue and North Road/Irene Court by letter and Teleminder about the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee Meeting; and,

WHEREAS, the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee (PTSC) met with residents on November 17th to discuss the issue; and,

WHEREAS, the residents were in favor of no parking zone at North Road/Ruth Avenue and North Road/Irene Court; and,

WHEREAS, the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee recommends approving establishment of a no parking zone at the northeast corner of North Road/Ruth Avenue and north corner of North Road/Irene Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Belmont approves the establishment of a no parking zone at the northeast corner of North Road/Ruth Avenue and north corner of North Road/Irene Court.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Belmont at a regular meeting thereof held on January 10, 2006 by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

NOES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSTAIN, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

CLERK of the City of Belmont

APPROVED:

MAYOR of the City of Belmont

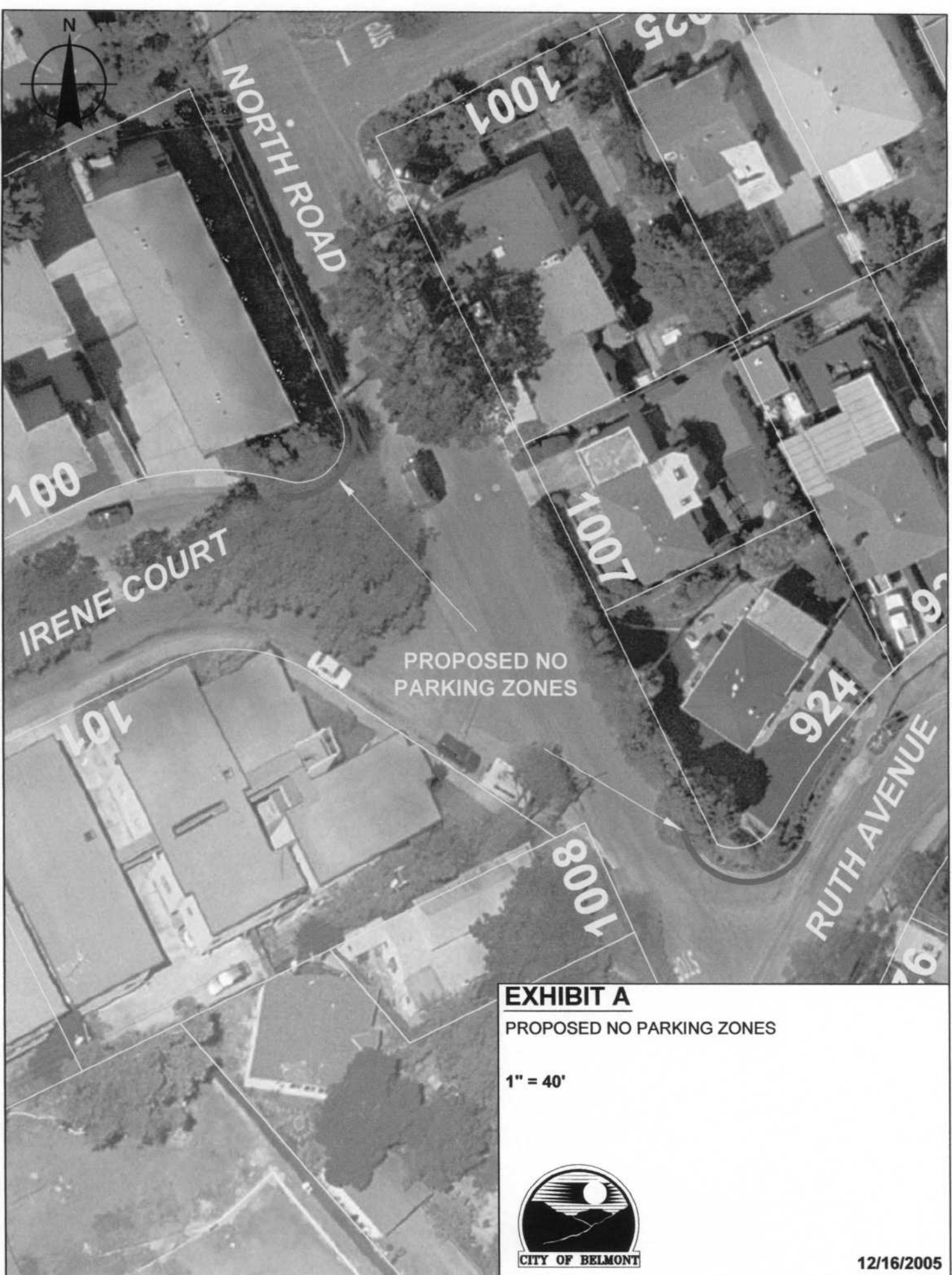


EXHIBIT A

PROPOSED NO PARKING ZONES

1" = 40'



12/16/2005